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DATE: June 25, 2009
TO: Members
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SUBJECT: Draft Agenda for the July 1, 2009 Members Teleconference

Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and fish and wildlife agencies:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

**Members Teleconference
July 1, 2009
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. PDT
@ CBFWA Office Portland, OR**

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Draft Agenda

ITEM 1: Introductions and Approve Agenda

Recommended Action: Approve draft agenda.

ITEM 2: June 3, 2009 and June 17, 2009 Members Meetings Draft Action Notes

Recommended Action: Approve action notes as final.

ITEM 3: Draft Status of the Resources (SOTR) Report

Background: A request has been submitted to present the final draft SOTR template and accompanying website to the Council and public, pending the Members review and approval.

Recommended Action: Approve SOTR template as final for distribution.

ITEM 4: Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) June Meeting Updates

- High Level Indicators
- Findings on 2009 Amended Fish and Wildlife Program
- Integration of the 2009 Fish and Wildlife Program into the Power Plan
- Categorical Reviews
 - RM&E
 - Artificial Production
- ISAB/ISRP Tagging Report Recommendations

ITEM 5: Wildlife Crediting Forum

The Wildlife Crediting Forum developed a letter, which MAG approved on June 15 for Members consideration for the creation of the Wildlife Mitigation Crediting Forum to charter with the Council and BPA to implement this portion of the Fish and Wildlife Program.

Recommended Action: Approve draft letter as final.

ITEM 6: CBFWA Comments on Wildlife Category Review

The Council's Fish and Wildlife Committee reviewed Council staff recommendations for wildlife projects at a special meeting on June 18, 2009. The Council staff provided a five year annual average funding recommendation for each wildlife project with several outstanding programmatic issues to be managed by BPA, project by project, during the contracting process. The WAC proposed sending a comment letter to Council prior to their final deliberations by the full Council on July 14. Comments touch on several key programmatic issues raised by Council staff. The letter should be submitted to Council at least one week prior to the July 14 meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve draft letter as final.

ITEM 7: CBFWA Comments on Draft 8th Annual Report to the NW Governors on Expenditures of BPA

On June 15, the MAG directed CBFWA staff to develop a draft letter commenting on the [Draft Eighth Annual Report to the Northwest Governors on Expenditures of the Bonneville Power Administration](#). The comments were reviewed by the MAG electronically and prepared for Members consideration. The report is posted on the Council website at <http://www.nwcouncil.org/library/2009/2009-06.htm>. Comments are due to the Council by COB July 10th.

Recommended Action: Approve draft comment letter as final.

ITEM 8: CBFWA Work Plan FY 2009 Update & FY 2010

- **FY 2009:** At the June 3rd Members meeting, the Members deferred adoption of the RM&E portion of the FY09 work plan and budget and opted to hold a special face-to-face meeting to discuss it. On June 17th the Members met to discuss the workshop strategy, timeline, and budget allocations for the Anadromous Fish Monitoring Framework and gather some clarity on the level of commitment expected of the Members to complete the work successfully.

On June 17, the Members and staff had a detailed review and discussion of the expected outcomes in timeline/schedule, the tasks involved in developing the decision framework, the level of effort and commitment, and budget and funding allocations in the monitoring framework portion of revised CBFWA AWP work plan.

Three options to increase funding for participation by Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Nez Perce Tribe's in the implementation of the Anadromous Fish Monitoring Framework Workshops were discussed:

1. Go back to BPA with a verified budget and request more funding.
2. Reduce CBFWA staff budget.
3. Members make up the funding difference.
 - The attending Members advised approaching BPA for more funding with caution considering BPA's past decisions and comments. Pending the results and analysis and the prospect of requesting additional funding for this effort, communication with BPA will be formal and presented by the Chair of CBFWA. The Members directed staff to contact the Members and verify the budget needs in the CBFWA AWP work plan to participate in the process, and prepare three alternatives for 30% reduction out of CBFWA staff budget as a contingency plan. Those impacts and options will be discussed at the July 1, 2009 Members teleconference. The subregional workshop schedule will be adjusted to accommodate the Members' July 1st decisions.
 - The Members expressed the importance of having permanent conversations regarding CBFWA's work plan and sustainability; creating a RM&E

workgroup/committee to develop, implement, maintain, and adjust the work plan; having CBFWA Members communicating their formal actions with BPA and Council; and attending the CBFWA meetings in person.

- **FY 2010 and beyond:** [In a letter to CBFWA from BPA dated June 9, 2009, Greg Delwiche](#) responded to the record provided in the [Coordination Funding Decisions Briefing Memo dated May 4th](#) and the [follow-up memo dated May 14th](#), sent to Council Chairman Bill Booth and Fish and Wildlife Chair Rhonda Whiting, regarding CBFWA funding. The letter from Greg Delwiche provides several policy positions of BPA and proposes a path forward for consideration of funding for FY 2010 and beyond. At the June 15 MAG directed staff to summarize the June 9 letter from Greg Delwiche, BPA for Members consideration.

Recommended Action: Define commitment and funding strategy.

ITEM 9: Resident Fish Advisory Committee (RFAC) Recommendations

Neil Ward, CBFWA and Sheri Sears, RFAC Chair presented the RFAC recommendations to the MAG on June 15 and the MAG approved the following for Members consideration.

- RFAC proposed Methodology for Calculating Lost Resident Fish Habitat Due to Construction and Inundation
- [RFAC proposed changes](#) to the [ISAB's 2008-4](#) Draft Non-Native Species Risk Assessment Template

Recommended Action: Review and approve the RFAC proposed methodology for calculating lost resident fish habitat due to construction and inundation for recommendation to the Council.

Recommended Action: Review and approve the proposed changes the RFAC has recommended to the ISAB's draft risk assessment template for recommendation to the Council.

ITEM 10: July 29-30, 2009 Members Summer Face-to-Face Meeting

Recommended Action: Review and approve draft agenda.

Upcoming Meetings: **Members Summer Face-to-Face Meeting:** July 29-30, 2009 in Kalispell, MT

Members August Meeting: Wed, August 5, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

MAG July Meeting: Mon, July 20, 2009, 1-4pm (via WebEx)

Council Meetings: July 14-16th in Portland, OR & August 11-13th in Spokane, WA